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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1505, L.D. 2085, Bill, "An Act Regarding Growth Management Efforts in Opportunity Zones"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'An Act Concerning Growth Management'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, public notice requirements for comprehensive planning under the growth management laws should be consistent with other public notice requirements for municipalities; and

Whereas, municipalities in designated job opportunity zones are suffering from major declines in manufacturing and industrial employment, a lower than average per capita income and severe economic distress; and

Whereas, undertaking comprehensive planning, in conjunction with the administrative support that funding under the job opportunity zones program provides, may foster regional coordination programs encouraged by the growth management laws; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

2 'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4324, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1989, c.
104, Pt. A, §45 and Pt. C, §10, is amended to read:

4 **4. Meetings to be public.** The local planning committee
5 shall conduct all of its meetings in open, public session with
6 ~~prior-notice-posted-in-one-or-more-conspicuous-places-designed-to~~
7 ~~provide-public-notice.~~ Prior public notice must be given for all
8 meetings of the local planning committee pursuant to Title 1,
9 section 406. Prior to April 1, 1990, if the local planning
10 committee provided notice in compliance with Title 1, section
11 406, that notice was sufficient for all legal purposes.'

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13 Further amend the bill by adding after section 2 the
14 following:

15 '**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
16 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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18 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read
19 consecutively.

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21 Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of
22 fact the following:

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25 **FISCAL NOTE**

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27 This bill can be implemented without additional General Fund
28 appropriations for fiscal year 1990-91 by delaying grant awards
29 to currently eligible towns. The total amount of the redirected
30 grant awards will be \$339,050. Future additional General Fund
31 appropriations will be required to offset the delay.'

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33 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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35 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and clause to the
36 bill as well as a fiscal note. A section also is added to make
37 public notice requirements for comprehensive planning consistent
38 with other public notice requirements for municipalities. The
39 title is changed to reflect the broader scope of the bill.

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